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SCHOOL OF ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

of

THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

Suggested Emergency Program

OBJECTIVE

To make the specialized facilities of SAIS, both physical and educational, available for the most efficient use in the national war effort.

PROGRAM

Separate from but parallel to the established graduate program, initiate a small individualized program for qualified officers or professional-grade employees of government agencies. Employ the following basic concepts in the program:

INITIAL PROGRAM

1. Sources. Officers or officials corresponding to Army field grade from Army, Navy, Air Force, State, or other agencies. The School would reserve the right of individual screening for the maintenance of professional standards.
2. Nature of Instruction. Individual training with maximum use of seminar and guided-research techniques.
3. Initial Curriculum. The current curriculum provides intensive regional studies and language training. In addition, a number of specialized courses have been designed to meet the needs of the present emergency and the objectives outlined below. Four such courses already have been planned and will be offered immediately. In the descriptions of these courses which follow, it should be borne in mind that emphasis on particular topics may vary with the requirements of the trainees involved.

Political Warfare

This course will deal with the purposes, principles and techniques of modern political warfare. Among the topics which will be given special attention are: the various types of political warfare; the planning of political warfare operations; the methods of selecting political warfare targets and choosing the appropriate techniques to be applied; the relationship between these operations and those in the allied fields of economic and psychological warfare; and the relationships between ideological patterns and political warfare. The seminar method will be employed, each student being assigned projects for investigation in the field of his special area interest.

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War Time Aspects of International Law

The course will be conducted as a seminar and will be concerned with a study and discussion of some of the legal problems arising in times of cold and actual war. Among the topics considered will be measures short of war (severance of diplomatic relations, use of armed violence, retaliation, etc.); the status of diplomats and of consuls; the effects of war on commercial relations and on the operation of treaties; the rights of neutrals; the law of prize; the position of enemy subjects and property; military occupation and government, etc.

Psychological Warfare and International Information Policy

Study, through supervised collaborative research, of the problems involved in the exploitation of propaganda as a national instrument in time of war and of information as an international public instrument in time of peace. The history and doctrine of modern procedures in this field will be studied, special reference being paid to a current research topic to be determined by members of the seminar in consultation with the instructor.

The Economics of War

A seminar course involving substantive study of the economic aspects of warfare. The course will include analysis of problems relating to the economic war potential; wartime production; price and income control; and economic warfare measures including shipping controls, preclusive operations, export and import controls, financial controls, proclaimed listing, etc.

4. Work Prepared for. In view of probable shortages of policy planning personnel in many fields of government activity, these courses are designed to prepare suitable trainees for such work as that on senior joint or combined international staffs; in strategic intelligence management or missions; in psychological warfare direction or enterprises; and in policy control of international political and economic factors.
5. Nature and Length of Course. Individual programs to be tailored for the trainees. Academic credits are not envisaged in connection with this program, since the objective is to train for particular purposes as outlined above. Basic course of one semester.

LONG RANGE PROGRAM

If the program develops as planned, it may lead to the operation of the School on the basis of three four-month terms each year. One hundred students, including regular graduate students could be carried as a maximum without loss of skill in teaching.